



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2013 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

General Principles

Kirkland supports legislation to promote the City Council's goals and protect the city's ability to provide basic municipal services to its citizens.

- Protect shared state revenue sources available to the city, and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues.
- Support long-term sustainability efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation goals.
- Oppose new mandates that drain City resources at a time of recession and limited revenues.
- Oppose any further shifting of costs or services from the State or counties to cities.
- Defend against state consolidation/central administration of taxes including Business & Occupation and telecommunication.

City of Kirkland 2013 Legislative Priorities

1. Kirkland supports providing state and local transportation revenue to maintain infrastructure investments and complete projects that enhance economic vitality.
2. Kirkland supports retaining the State Annexation Sales Tax Credit and defending against state revenue reductions or legislation that impact completion of the Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate-area annexation.
3. Kirkland supports \$5 million in funding for the next phase of the NE 132nd Interchange ramp design and for the NE 132nd Interchange to be included in any statewide transportation package.
4. Kirkland supports eliminating the \$10 million ongoing diversion of liquor taxes and reinstating local share of excess liquor profits.
5. Kirkland supports the development of the Cross-Kirkland Corridor including support of continued state financial assistance (WWRP) and other tools to implement multiple uses including recreation and transportation.
6. Kirkland supports providing cities with financing options to support public/private partnerships (including flexibility in the use of existing tax sources).
7. Kirkland supports allowing local governments the option to award contracts to vendors whose pre-tax bid unit price is lowest.